

Final Minutes
EIIP Co-Chairs Conference Call
January 17, 2002
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

ATTENDEES

Dennis Beauregard, Steering Committee
Herb Sherrow, Steering Committee
Mike Koerber, Steering Committee
Chuck Mann, Area Sources Committee
Ray Bishop, Area Sources Committee
Greg Stella, Emissions Modeling Committee
Garry Brooks, ERG

Dennis first asked if there were any comments on the minutes prepared for the November 29, 2001 Co-Chairs conference call. No comments on the minutes were voiced by the participants of this call. Progress reports of the Area Sources, Emissions Modeling, and Mobile Sources Committees were presented. Additional topics of discussion included the Air Toxics Scoping Study, the EIIP booth at the spring inventory conference in Atlanta, and the revamping of EIIP and its workings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Sources Committee

Chuck Mann gave the Area Sources Committee (ASC) report. The ASC held its last conference call meeting on January 16. ERG has drafted a memo to the Committee describing the impacts on area source guidance documents of the transition from SIC codes to NAICS codes. For about one-third of the documents there is no impact from the transition. Only 8 documents have impacts that are viewed as significant. No work is currently being performed to update the solvent use chapters, since Lee Tooly has reported that it will be another 4 to 6 months before her solvents study will be completed.

Chuck noted that ASC members had brought up two issues in terms of data needs. One person wants to see air toxics emission factors for area sources collected and placed into a single repository database. They do not feel the FIRE database adequately addresses this need. Another member has a need for emission factors for empty crude oil tankers in transit. Chuck also reported that TNRCC is implementing a gas can study and survey. This work combined with other similar investigations of gas cans in California and New York should provide some good information to develop EIIP guidance that could be used by all states.

Point Sources Committee

No report was given for this Committee since no co-chair was present on the call.

Mobile Sources Committee

Dennis reported that the Committee is about to move forward with its planned locomotives project. The process to get funds to South Carolina through a SESARM contract is close to being completed. Also, Dennis mentioned that EFIG has had recent discussions with OTAQ about their support of and work with the Mobile Sources Committee. Based on those discussions, it is possible that a new OTAQ representative may be tapped to be the EPA co-chair of the Committee.

Emissions Modeling Committee

Greg Stella provided the report for this Committee. He first reported that the Committee's emissions modeling web page has been created and launched and is working well. The Committee's spatial allocation project is going well and proceeding on schedule. There will be a conference call on January 22 to discuss the status of the project. Regarding the Committee's emissions modeling sensitivity analysis project, recommendations had been made by some Committee members to cancel the project. Members of the Committee were questioned to see whether there was still sufficient interest to continue the project. Feedback from the members indicated that there was sufficient interest and reason to continue the project. The Committee will solicit input from states and RPOs on similar projects they are performing and try to build upon these efforts. The goal will be to not duplicate activities already underway by states and RPOs. In response to a question, Greg reiterated that the Committee's sensitivity analysis project is primarily designed to investigate temporal, spatial, and chemical speciation issues; however, it may also examine growth and control sensitivity issues as well. They want to address these areas for both ozone and PM, and include issues specific to both the eastern and western U.S.

Data Management Committee

No report was given for this Committee since no co-chair was present on the call.

PM-2.5 Committee

No report was given for this Committee since no co-chair was present on the call.

OTHER BUSINESS

Air Toxics Scoping Study

Dennis indicated that, at this point, the Steering Committee would not be going back to the individual working committees to identify ideas for toxics projects based on the results of the scoping study. The Committee feels the EIIP revamping process is sufficiently far along at this time that new air toxics projects can originate from activities that will occur in the revised program. Recommendations from the scoping study are on hold for now.

Atlanta Inventory Conference

Dennis reminded everyone that volunteers are still needed to staff the EIIP booth at the April emission inventory conference in Atlanta. If you can volunteer any time, please contact Dennis.

EIIP Revamping

The Steering Committee is working hard to finalize the EIIP revamping plan and it should be completed in a few weeks. When complete, it will be circulated to the working committee cochairs for review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business reported.

NEXT CALL

The next teleconference call is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 3 p.m. EST. The call-in number will be distributed by e-mail with an agenda several days prior to the call.